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Rhode Island Camp in Roxbury
May 29th 1775

Dear Wife we were yesterday and the Night before last under arms which was occasioned by an Engagement Colonel putnam With about 2 Hundred Men had with a Thousand Regulars the Engagement began at about half after nine Oclock on Saturday Night and Lasted till Day Light when Coll putnam Returned to the Head Quarters at Salem having Burnt an Armed Schooner and Taken 16 pieces of Small Cannon Killed 13 of the Horses that Lately arrived from England said to be for the Light Horse and Taken 17 More Coll. putnam had not a Man Killed and only three Men Wounded How many of the Regulars were Killed we Cannot Learn only that there were Discovered in the Action three Regulars Killed and it is thought Numbers more were Slain The place of Action was at Chelsey near winnisimmit ferry Sixteen Miles from this place (by Land) when we first Heard the firings which was very Brisk I mustered my forces which were about 240 at the first alarm Not Knowing but it was a General Attack and Sent off Expresses forward toward the Enemy Sent out Several Companies to Reconoiter who went forward until they were Informed where the fire was and were Told their Help was not wanted (some went Down Head Quarters) & in the morning the Fire Renewing I Marched Down with all My men but a few who I Left behind to Guard the Incampment & Magazine went to Head Quarters for Orders to go forward were within Sight of the Enemies fire but the General thinking it Best for Me to Return and Refresh my Men and hold My People in Readiness and Soon after my Return Co. Hitchcock Coll. Cornel

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Arrived Here and Took the Chief Command and toward
Night Major Sherburn Arrived Here Since which
Several Companies are Arrived we heard a Number of
Cannon fired toward Chelsey Last Evening but have
not Learn what they have Done where I Should be glad
if you would Send me Some Linning Such as Shirts &c
when you have them Ready if you want to Send any
thing to me Such as Shoes or any thing Else you will
pleas to have them Bundled up and a paper pasted on the Bunde
and a Letter Wrote Ready

I am your Loving Husband

William T Miller

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To

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